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For receiving the full effect of a picture, there is a particular point of view, where the spectator is most advantageously placed, not so near as to ren-

der the colours overcharged, and by forcing the eye to dwell on parts, to lose the general impression and unity of the piece, nor yet, at such a distance, as to make the whole confused, by an indistinctness of vision. It is thus, that we are placed before the grand moving picture of the times, as we think, in a fortunate point of view. Ireland is *our* station. We have sometimes imagined, that the most of our periodical writers are placed too near to the picture; so near as to form in-